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Letter dated 11 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Presidency Statement on Climate Change issued at the G-20 Sherpa Meeting, which was convened in Guangzhou, China, from 6 to 8 April 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Presidency Statement on Climate Change at the G20 Sherpa Meeting

The second G-20 Sherpa Meeting was convened in Guangzhou, China, from 6 to 8 April 2016, and in relation to climate change, agreed on the following broad common understanding:

1. Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the world today. We welcomed the adoption of the Paris Agreement at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and were satisfied that G-20 members had played a key role in facilitating this progress.

2. We recognized that the Paris Agreement is a comprehensive, balanced and ambitious document, which is guided by the principles of the Convention, including the principles of equity and of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances. It marked a milestone in global climate cooperation.

3. We shall work to promote the implementation of the Paris Agreement, including by signing the Agreement on 22 April 2016 or thereafter, taking into account our respective domestic steps to join the Agreement with a view to bringing the Paris Agreement into force as soon as possible.